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Dear Alexis:

As you are keenly aware, there are many efforts underway addressing the Delta and its future sustainability and SRCSD continues to be an active participant in this effort to find solutions to address this crisis. Attached is a document prepared for SRCSD by Larry Walker Associates which synthesizes data and facts from existing reports and studies to provide a comprehensive look at what is known about the water project operations and the enormous impact they have on Delta fish. The information is not conjecture or perception - it is based on real data and analysis done by scientists and state and federal agencies. The document simply compiles and condenses the information so that the facts about this issue and what is actually known about it can be better understood by various non-technical audiences and policy makers.

Many of these facts have been lost in the political debate surrounding the Delta because the water exporters have mounted an aggressive public relations campaign to shift attention from the impacts of the pumping operations to "other stressors." Certainly, more research must be done to fully understand all of the stressors that may be affecting the health of the Delta and what action should be taken to address them. More answers are needed so that decisions can be made based on sound science and not because of political rhetoric. We have supported the efforts of CALFED and the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board to pursue such research to yield those answers, including providing funding, and will continue to do so. Additionally, SRCSD has made it very clear that if comprehensive, scientific research determines its discharge is adversely impacting Delta fish we will take responsibility to correct the situation.

We provided this document to the NAS National Research Council Committee earlier this week and we wanted to ensure you (as well as other individuals and agencies) had a copy as well.

If you would like to meet to discuss the report, please let me know.

Regards,

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